

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2363

Introduced by Assembly Member Chesbro

February 24, 2012

An act to amend Section 2901 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to wildlife habitat assessment districts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2363, as introduced, Chesbro. Natural habitat.

The Habitat Maintenance Funding Act authorizes a local agency to establish an assessment district, pursuant to specified existing law governing the establishment of habitat maintenance assessment districts, for the improvement or maintenance of natural habitat, in a manner consistent with specified policies and procedures. The act requires that the local agency establish such a district only pursuant to a plan for the conservation of natural habitat approved by the department.

This bill would require that the plan also be specifically authorized by certain statutes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2901 of the Fish and Game Code is
2 amended to read:
3 2901. (a) A local agency may establish an assessment district
4 pursuant to Article 3.1 (commencing with Section 50060) of
5 Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 1 of Title 5 of the Government
6 Code for the improvement or maintenance of natural habitat, in a

1 manner consistent with the policies and procedures of this code.
2 Funds generated pursuant to this chapter ~~may~~ *shall* not be allocated
3 to implement a plan without the approval of the owner of the land
4 to be improved.

5 (b) A local agency may provide for the long-term maintenance
6 of natural habitat pursuant to Section 50060.5 of the Government
7 Code only pursuant to a plan for the conservation of natural habitat
8 *that is specifically authorized by this code and* approved by the
9 department.